

ated as fact : REAL < tangible evidence >
understood or realized < a tangible benefit >
valued monetarily, as land or securities
1. Something palpable or concrete.
— *tan'gi-bil'i-ty*, *tan'gi-ble-ness* *n.*

tan'gle, *-gling*, *-gles*. [ME *tangilen*, to involve
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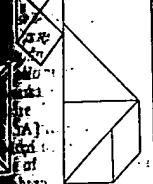
tan'go. To dance the tango.

tan'go. [Lat. *tangere*, to touch +

tan'go. To respond to touch and pres-

tan'go. [Perh. Chin. *tang*, a Chinese dynasty +

tan'go. To be reassembled into different figures.



tangram

tan'ist *n.* [Ir. Gael. *tánaiste* < OIr. *tánaise*.] The

tan'ist. An ancient Celtic chief, elected during the chief's

tan'ist. The system of electing a tanist.

tan'ist. [Port. *tangue*, pond < Lat. *stagnum*.] 1. A large con-

tan'ist. 2. The amount a tank

tan'ist. 3. A heavily armored closed combat vehicle

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tannic acid *n.* A lustrous yellowish to light-brown amorphous, powdered, flaked, or spongy mass having the approximate composition $C_7H_5O_6$, obtained from the bark and fruit of many plants and used in tanning, as a mordant, to clarify wine and beer, and as an astringent and styptic.

tan-niferous (*tán'if-er-əs*) *adj.* Having or yielding tannin.

tan-nin (*tán'in*) *n.* [Fr. < *tanner*, to tan < Ofr.] 1. Tannic acid. 2. A chemical substance capable of promoting tanning.

tan-ning (*tán'ing*) *n.* 1. The art or process of making leather from rawhides. 2. The browning of the skin by exposure to sun and weather. 3. Informal. A beating, whipping, or spanking.

Ta-no-an (*tá'nō-an*) *n.* [< *Tano*, an American Indian people.] An American Indian language family of New Mexico and northeastern Arizona. — *Ta'no-an* *adj.*

tan-rec (*tán'rek*) *n.* var. of **TENREC**.

tan rot *n.* A disease of the strawberry plant caused by the fungus *Pezizella lythri* and marked by the formation of tan indentations on the surface of the fruit.

tan-sy (*tán'zē*) *n.*, pl. *-ies*. [ME < Ofr. *tanesis* < Med. Lat. *athanasia* < Gk., immortality : *a-*, without + *thánatos*, death.] A plant of the genus *Tanacetum*, esp. *T. vulgare* native to the Old World, with buttonlike yellow flower clusters and aromatic, pungent juice occas. used medicinally and as a flavoring.

tan-tal-ic (*tán'tál'ik*) *adj.* Of, relating to, or containing tantalum. **tan-ta-lite** (*tán'tá-lit*) *n.* [Swed. *tantalit* < *tantalum*, *tantalum*.] A black to red-brown mineral, essentially (Fe,Mn)(Ta,Nb)₂O₆, distinguished from columbite by the predominance of tantalum over niobium and used as an ore of both elements.

tan-ta-lize (*tán'tá-líz*) *vt.* -lized, -lizing, -lizes. [After *Tantalus*.] To excite (another) by exposing something desirable while keeping it out of reach : **TEASE**. — *tan'ta-liz-a'tion* *n.* — *tan'ta-liz-er* *n.* — *tan'ta-liz-ing-ly* *adv.*

* **SYMS**: **TANTALIZE**, **BAIT**, **TEASE**, **TORMENT** *v.* **core meaning** : to excite (another) by exposing something desirable while keeping it out of reach < *tantalized* the hungry dog with pieces of raw meat >

* **word history**: The religion of ancient Greece and Rome was swept away by Christianity, but its gods and heroes live on. *Tantalize*, for example, is derived from *Tantalus*, a legendary king of Lydia. He stole the food of the gods and gave it to mortals, a crime punishable by death. Tantalus, however, could not die, because he had eaten the divine food and become immortal. The gods instead condemned him to suffer eternal hunger and thirst in the presence of food and drink that remained just out of his reach. The verb *tantalize* means basically "to suffer the torments of Tantalus," although in a much milder form.

tan-ta-lum (*tán'tá-ləm*) *n.* [After *Tantalus*, from its non-absorbent quality.] Symbol **Ta** A very hard, heavy gray metallic element used to make electric-light-bulb filaments, lightning arresters, nuclear reactor parts, and some surgical instruments; atomic number 73, atomic weight 180.948.

Tan-ta-lus (*tán'tá-ləs*) *n.* [Lat. < Gk. *Tantalos*.] 1. Gk. Myth. A king who for his crimes was condemned in Hades to stand in water that receded when he tried to drink, and with fruit hanging above him that receded when he reached for it. 2. *tantalus*. A locked-up stand for displaying decanters.

tan-ta-mount (*tán'tá-məunt*) *adj.* [< obs. *tantamount*, an equiv. alent < AN *tant* *amunter*, to amount to as much.] Equivalent in significance, effect, or value < a statement tantamount to a confession of murder >

tan-ta-ra (*tán'tá-rə*, *-tá-rə*) *n.* [imit.] 1. a. A trumpet or horn fanfare. b. A sound resembling a tantara. 2. A hunting cry.

tan-tiv-y (*tán'tiv-ē*) *adv.* [Orig. unknown.] At full gallop : at top speed. — *n.*, pl. *-ies*. 1. A hunting cry. 2. Full gallop : top speed.

tan-tra (*nún'trə*) *n.* [Skt. *tantram* < *tanoti*, he weaves.] One of a class of Hindu or Buddhist religious writings concerned with mysticism and magic. — *tan'tric* (*-trik*) *adj.*

tan-trum (*tán'trəm*) *n.* [Orig. unknown.] A fit of temper.

tan-yard (*tán'yárd*) *n.* A section in a tannery for the tanning vats.

tan-zan-ite (*tán'zə-nít*) *n.* [After *Tanzania*.] A hydrated calcium aluminum silicate mineral, exhibiting blue, violet, or greenish color depending on polarization of incident light, and used as a gem.

Tao-ism (*tou'tzəm*, *dou'-*) *n.* [< Chin. (Mandarin) *dao*, way.] A principal Chinese philosophy and religion based on the teachings of Lao-tse in the 6th cent. B.C. — *Tao'ist* *n.* — *Tao-is'tic* *adj.*

tap (*táp*) *v.* **tapped**, **tapping**, **taps**. [ME *tappen*, poss. < Ofr. *taper*.] — *vt.* 1. To strike gently with a light blow or series of blows < tapped me on the shoulder > 2. To give a light rap with < tap a pen on a desk > 3. To produce with a succession of light blows < tap out a fast rhythm > 4. a. To repair (shoe heels or toes) by applying a tap. b. To attach metal taps to. — *vi.* 1. To deliver a light gentle blow or series of blows. 2. To walk making light clicks. — *n.* 1. a. A gentle blow. b. The sound made by such a blow. 2. a. A thin layer of material, as leather, applied to a worn-down shoe. b. A metal plate attached to the toe or heel of a shoe, as for tap-dancing.

tap (*táp*) *n.* [ME < OE *tæppa*.] 1. A valve and spout for regulating delivery of a fluid at the end of a pipe. 2. A plug for a bunghole : **SPIGOT**. 3. a. Liquor drawn from a tap. b. Liquor of a particular brew,

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